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Mr. Virgil A. Smith

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Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, may I acknowledge and thank you very much for your letter of 28 May.

This is to advise that the matter you mentioned is not within the purview of the CIA. However, I would suggest that you contact the Department of Health, Education and Welfare as perhaps being the best source of information on this subject. You might also find it useful to write to the Ford Foundation, which conducts an extensive educational program.

Your patriotic interest in matters of this nature is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the Director

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May 28, 1958

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I wrote to the Office of Defense Mobilization. My questions are:

- (1) How can our American people understand American rights, liberties, and freedoms when the majority of them are no more conscious of these sacred trusts than they are of the air they breathe?
- (2) What would be the odds on an attorney winning a case unless he knew both sides of it thoroughly?

Please, if you are acquainted with an individual, foundation, or governmental unit which may aid in this cause, send me the name and address.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Virgil A. Smith
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May 23, 1958

Director
Division of Education
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It was with some satisfaction that I read in the May 23 issue of U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT that you are in the process of forming an, "Executive Reserve would be called upon to direct important phases of the defense effort."

In 1945 and 1946 for a period of one year I was Director of the Mail Room, American Embassy, Moscow, U.S.S.R. I resigned in order to return to the University of Texas to complete my degree work.

Mrs. Smith and I were teachers until our son was born in 1954. While I was in this work, I often felt that our school system should offer a one semester, senior course on AMERICAN FREEDOMS AND THE FRAUD OF COMMUNISM. A very good textbook, DEMOCRACY VERSUS COMMUNISM, was published in 1957 by D. Van Nostrand and Company.

Recently, I spoke with Dr. Edgar, Director of the Texas Education Agency, who said that he felt sure the Agency would approve this course and textbook if a superintendent were to request it. Dr. Irby Carruth, Superintendent of Austin Public Schools, was a visitor in the U.S.S.R. for one month in 1936. He made this observation while we were talking, "Most Americans have as little appreciation for their rights, liberties, and freedoms as they do for the air they breathe." All that I could add to this statement was AMEN.

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If you are acquainted with an individual, foundation, or governmental agency that has the interest and facilities to engage in educational work of a "democratic and anti-communist" nature, please send the name and address to me.

We must teach our American youth to identify and study the "CANCER OF COMMUNISM." If this is not done, this growing CANCER cannot be successfully combatted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Virgil A. Smith

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